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AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN/PANAMANIAN TRADE AGREEMENT

REF: A. PANAMA 3977, B. PANAMA'S A-164, C. ALGIERS 2538

1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL REPORTS, A BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED IN ALGIERS DURING FIRST WEEK OF JULY (REF A). ALGERIAN TRADE MISSION SUBSEQUENTLY VISITED PANAMA DURING FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS (REF B). EMBASSY WAS NOT ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT ANY ACTUAL TRADE COMMITMENTS HAD BEEN MADE AND AGREES THAT FIGURES ON PROSPECTIVE TRADE IN RECENT ALGERIAN PRESS ACCOUNT (REF C)

APPEAR EXAGGERATED.

2. PANAMA IN PAST FEW MONTHS PUBLICIZED POSSIBILITIES OF FINDING NEW MARKETS FOR BANANAS ON ITS OWN IN THIRD WORLD, INCLUDING ALGERIA, AS PRESSURE DEVICE IN CURRENT DISPUTE WITH LOCAL UNITED BRANDS SUBSIDIARY, WHICH IS ONLY EXPORTER OF LOCAL BANANA". HOWEVER, EVEN IF GOP FOLLOWS THROUGH ON ANNOUNCED DESIRE TO TAKE OVER COMPANY'S  
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PRODUCTIVE FACILITIES

IN PANAMA, IT IS LIKELY TO LEAVE MARKETING TO UNITED DNANDS AT  
LEAST FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE. PROSPECTIVE SHIPMENT MENTIONED IN  
ALGERIAN PRESS, 10,000 TONS, REPRESENTS ONLY ABOUT ONE WEEK OF  
PANAMANIAN PRODUCTION. REGARDING SUGAR, PANAMA NOT LIKELY TO BE ABLE  
TO MEET HALF OF ALGERIA'S NEEDS ANYTIME SOON; WHILE EXPORTS ARE  
EXPANDING RAPIDLY, HIGHEST ESTIMATE OF 1975 TOTAL FOR SHIPMENTS  
TO ALL COUNTRIES IS 95,000 SHORT TONS, ALSO, EXCEPT FOR ONE-TIME  
SHIPMENT OF TIMBER CUT FROM AREA TO BE FLOODED BY BAYANO DAM,  
PANAMA HAS NOT BEEN CONSIDERBL A SIGNIFICANT SOURCE FOR COMMERCIAL  
TIMBER. HOWEVER, ANTICIPATED COMPLETION OF SEGMENT OF INTERAMERICAN  
HIGHWAY BEYOND BAYANO RIVER BY 1977 WILL OPEN NEW AREA WHICH COULD  
PERMIT CONSIDERABLE EXPANSION OF LUMBER EXPORTS.  
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